

# THE LACLEDE BLADE

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## Under the Republican Banner

"If the present national administration and the incoming congress do not place our country upon the proper economic basis for general prosperity, the progressive party should stand ready to unite under any banner."

This is the language of William Hamlin Childs, the leader of the Bull Moose party in Kings county, New York, the county which contains the city of Brooklyn. It indicates that the glamor which democratic editors are trying to throw upon the administration's foreign policy is not dazzling enough to blind observant people to the obvious failure of the administration's domestic policy, a policy which breeds disaster and which cannot cloak its evil effect behind "war orders."

The conditional action of the administration and of the next congress, upon which Mr. Childs predicates the necessity for Bull enlistment "under any banner" may be taken for granted. Neither the administration nor congress can "place our country upon the proper economic basis for general prosperity" without a confession of error and failure which would prevent them from making any affective appeal for support at the polls. "The proper economic basis for general prosperity" is the republican basis of adequate tariffs for protection and for revenue. The country desires, no doubt, to be put there by republican hands. It is the republican banner under which Mr. Childs and his associates will unite next year.

## The Latest Thing In Engines

The locomotives used today in through passenger service, are required to haul trains which are often as heavy as the freight trains of a comparatively few years ago. These trains are hauled at high speeds, on exacting schedules. Locomotives for such services must not only be of sufficient size to develop the required power; they must also be economical in fuel and water consumption, and must not deliver destructive blows to the tracks and bridges when running at high speeds. An efficient self-propelled power plant is required, and high engineering skill is necessary to produce it.

The new S 3 engines just placed in service by the Burlington, represent the latest development of the Pacific type for heavy passenger service. These engines appear to be the embodiment of power and strength and impress one by their wonderful size. Built as high as they can be and negotiate bridges, the parts above the boiler on the outside are made within the prescribed height to meet bridge requirements. The whistle protrudes from the side of the dome instead of the top on account of the height of the boiler. The stack is squat and broad and the bell, while of average size, seems smaller because of the massiveness of the boiler.

These monsters are over 75 feet long and, ready for service, weigh upward of half a million pounds. A six foot man, wearing a silk hat, could stand erect in the little end of the boiler and a good sized barrel could be placed inside of one of the immense cylinders.

## Interests Girls In Housekeeping

Giving the girl a greater interest in housekeeping as well as giving her a lot of practical information

about cooking, sewing, household management, and other branches of home economics is a feature of short course in home economics at the University of Missouri. The seven weeks' term begins November 1 and ends December 17 this year.

Just what the short course does for a girl is illustrated by a letter from a student at Columbia. "I find the work I had at Columbia a great help," she writes to Miss Louis Stanley, chairman of the department of home economics of the university. "I am putting it into practice today, making three gallons pickles, pear preserves, apple butter, baking a cake, and ironing."

It is hard for a young girl to start housekeeping without the advantage of training which comes from experience and see the same importance attached to her work or have the interest in it that the older woman does. Consequently there are a good many girls and women forming a dislike for home-making and entering other fields of work. Other girls who must go out into the business world have no opportunity to train themselves as homemakers. The time comes when they want this training and want it at once.

The short course in home economics at the university of Missouri is planned to meet these conditions; to create an interest in house work for the girl who is going to stay at home, and to prepare the young woman who is going to take up the responsibility of a home for her duties.

## Few Chinch Bugs Next Year

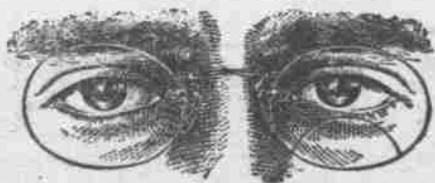
Heavy rains and disease have solved that problem for Missouri.

The ranks of the chinch bugs have been so depleted and broken up by the heavy rains and the fungous disease that they will probably not appear in damaging numbers next year, according to T. J. Talbert of the Missouri college of agriculture.

The field observations made last spring in different parts of the state showed an unusually large number of bugs and they indicated a most serious outbreak of the pest. Had it not been for the unusually wet season the chinch bug might have done a great deal more damage to grain crops than the rains and floods.

The reports of farmers and the field observations from all parts of the state made during August and September show that the chinch bugs are not numerous enough to do any serious harm the coming year.

Unfortunately the Hessian fly has not suffered so much and seems likely to cause great damage next year in many localities in which one or more men sowed wheat too early or failed to disk or plow under volunteer wheat.



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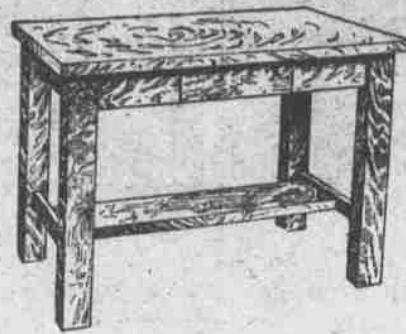
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